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LETTER REGARDING CAUSE FOR EXTENSION OF REMEDIAL  
INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY SCHEDULE FOR SITE 12 AND SITE 17 AND  
MILITARY MUNITIONS RESPONSE PROGRAMS AND QUARRY AREAS OF CONCERN NAS  
BRUNSWICK ME  
12/14/2006  
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December 14, 2006

Ms. Christine A. P. Williams  
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Dear Ms. Williams:

**SUBJECT: REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY (RI/FS) SCHEDULE  
FOR SITES 12 AND 17, AND THE MILITARY MUNITIONS RESPONSE  
PROGRAM (MMRP) AND QUARRY AREAS OF CONCERN (AOCs) AT THE  
NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK/TOPSHAM, MAINE**

In response to your letter dated December 12, 2006, this is to provide you with good cause for the extension provided in our letter dated December 1, 2006.

Under Sections XIV and XV of the Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine Federal Facility Agreement dated October 19, 1990, as amended (FFA), the Navy cites an event of force majeure as cause for missing the pertinent due dates. From Section XV, "Force majeure shall mean any event arising from causes beyond the control of the Navy that causes a delay in or prevents the performance of any obligation under this Agreement, including...and insufficient availability of appropriated funds, if the Navy shall have made a timely request for such funds as a part of the budgetary process ...". A combination of increasing scope, that was previously discussed with your office, resulting in the need for additional funding and unavailability of appropriated funds has resulted in the need for the schedule extension.

The Navy has informed the stakeholders of our progress and setbacks during FY06 regarding all aspects of the Installation Restoration Program at NAS Brunswick, including the scoping and funding issues as they pertain to these sites/AOCs. At the October 04, 2006 conference call, the Navy informed the stakeholders that several tasks, including the subject tasks, for which awards had been delayed due to increased scope and insufficient funds had been awarded prior to the end of the fiscal year as soon as funding became available. The new schedule was provided to the EPA on December 01, 2006 and is included here (see attached).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dawn Kincaid at (215) 897-4915, or Lonnie Monaco at (215) 897-4911.

Sincerely,

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DRAFT REVISED SCHEDULES FOR  
SITES 12 AND 17, AND MMRP AND QUARRY AOCs AT  
NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK/TOPSHAM, ME

Site 12

Award Ordnance Sweep/Clearance Contract	29 Sep 06
Draft Supplemental PA Report	06 Dec 06
Draft Supplemental SI Work Plan	17 Feb 07
Draft SI Report	08 Feb 08
Draft RI Work Plan	08 Aug 08
Draft RI Report	15 May 09
Draft FS Report	Nov 2009
Draft Proposed Plan	Apr 2010
Public Meeting	Jul 2010
Draft ROD	Dec 2010

Site 17

Supplemental RI Work Plan	15 Dec 06
Draft Supplemental RI Report	11 Sep 07
Draft FS Report	15 Mar 08
Draft Proposed Plan	15 Aug 08
Public Meeting	30 Nov 08
Draft ROD	May 2009

MMRP/Quarry AOCs

Draft SI Work Plan	17 Feb 07
Draft SI Report	08 Feb 08